

## DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

Angeline Is Getting On Rapidly in Unionism



## OBJECT TO USE OF "EMERY BALL"

Athletics Claim Delivery of Pitcher Ray Keating Is Illegal

New York, Sept. 17.—When Tommy Connolly, the American league umpire, went to his dressing room after the last game between the New York and Athletics he had in his possession two scarred baseballs and one small piece of black emery paper. The balls had been used in the game, and the emery paper he had taken from the glove of Ray Keating, the New York pitcher. He will send the "evidence" on to Ban Johnson to see what the president has to say about the newest wrinkle in pitching equipment, the emery ball.

Spectators at the game were interested in a kick which Eddie Collins made just before and just after he struck out in the first inning. They didn't know what it was all about when they saw Connolly and Collins look at the ball, and as soon as the half inning was over they saw Connolly stop Keating and ask for his glove. Players of both teams gathered around Keating and Connolly, heads were together while Connolly examined the glove and then the game proceeded. Connolly had found the emery paper, about an inch square, in the hollowed out palm of the glove and he confiscated it.

Connie Mack knew what was going on and protested against the continued use of the emery. "I can't keep on examining his glove every few minutes," Connolly informed the Athletics, whereupon Mack let it be known that he was playing under protest. "All right," said the umpire, "we'll leave that to President Johnson."

On the two balls that Connolly kept were scraped fuzzy spots about the size of a silver dollar, as if ground against sand paper. The umpire explained that a ball very easily could be twisted against a bit of emery paper in the palm of a glove while the pitcher was preparing for his delivery. The leather surface of one of the balls was almost worn through. As to whether Keating replenished his emery paper supply after the umpire took a piece from his glove, all Connolly knew was that he had two scraped base balls.

"If pitchers are allowed to use the device," the umpire said, "they are going to develop a ball which will add greatly to the troubles of batters. The effect on the ball is to make it describe a course called by all players a sailer. The ball seems to sail and is very puzzling. All of the pitchers would soon get on it and use it if it were allowable, but certainly I don't regard it as legal. Eddie Collins knew about the scheme, for a Boston pitcher used it in Philadelphia and I understand it came to Boston from Cleveland."

The Athletics did not go hitless in the game, but they made little headway against Keating, whose hit won, 2 to 1, the only Philadelphia run being due to an error. Collins struck out twice, Baker once and Oldring once. Meanwhile scientists who are wise in physics may be able to figure out just what eccentric flight can be described, by a combination of emeryed surface, air resistance and all that sort of abstruse thing.

## HOW TO RAISE REVENUE.

If Tax Was Levied on the Great American Game.

How to raise revenue to run the government without putting a war stamp on baseball tickets:

- 1—Tax the Braves every time they wallop the Giants.
- 2—Tax Eddie Collins every time he makes a base hit.
- 3—Tax Cravath every time he hits a home run.
- 4—Tax the Cubs every time they sign a new manager.
- 5—Tax Marty O'Toole every time he loses a game.
- 6—Tax Helms Zimmerman every time he is bounced from the field.
- 7—Tax Charles Ebbets every time he discovers a new holiday.
- 8—Tax James Gilmore for every organized baseball star he fails to sign.
- 9—Tax Jack Knight every time he returns to the big league.
- 10—Tax Ty Cobb for every fight he gets into.

## EUROPEAN WAR MAY BREAK UP NORTHERN LEAGUE NEXT YEAR.

Grand Forks, Sept. 17.—The European war is likely to break up the Northern league, if long continued, as neither Winnipeg nor Fort William can be counted on as members of the circuit next year in the event that England still is at war. That, at least, is the consensus of opinion around the circuit, and it is not likely that definite steps will be taken for next year until the war situation has developed more thoroughly, and its effect upon the Canadian members of the circuit is better known.

Neither Winnipeg, which was the financial backbone of the league in the season just ended, nor Fort William could be counted on as strong in attendance next year if the war continues. The effect on the attendance at Winnipeg during the last stages of this year's race was evident, even with the team battling for the pennant.

With Winnipeg out, both Grand Forks and Fargo would likely abandon the league, as the two North Dakota cities would be out on a branch by themselves, with mileage features too great for satisfactory solution.

As to Winona, it is not to be supposed that it would take on baseball again in the event that Winnipeg abandoned the circuit. Winona drew only 20,000 paid admissions at home this season, while nearly half the people the club played to on the road were Winnepigeons.

## BLOW FOR THE FEDERALS.

Major Magnates Signing Up Players Drafted Secretly.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17.—The announcement that there will be no open meeting of the national baseball commission this year to conduct the drafting of players from the minors to the major leagues is taken by persons well versed in baseball doings to mean that the powers of organized baseball have dealt the Federal league a hard blow.

It is understood that the drafting has been done in secret, and those clubs which drew players from the minors now have representatives out signing up the players, thereby balking the Federals in any attempt they may make to secure the young talent. It is understood the contracts to be offered will stand the tests of the courts.

As a result of the secret draft, names of drafted players will not be announced until all have been signed for 1915, so the Federals will not be able to grab them.

Every effort has been made to keep the secret draft quiet. Minor league club owners have not even been let in on the deal, and do not know the names of the players already drafted by the majors.

## FEDERALS AGAIN ARE PLANNING TO INVADE NEW YORK, IS REPORT.

New York, Sept. 17.—Reports that the Federal league plans to place a team in New York were revived today. It was declared that enough of the plans of the Feds for 1915 have leaked out to show that their scheme of making over the circuit has progressed to the point of a decision to add New York in 1915.

A conference of the league leaders was held in Brooklyn recently and it is declared they decided at that time that a New York team was necessary, if the league was to be a real success. The Wards, owners of the Brooklyn club, have property on Southern boulevard in the Bronx, and it is said a Federal park is to be erected there.

Another meeting of the Federal magnates at which President Gilmore will be present is to be held in Brooklyn, September 25.

George Kircher, of the Atlanta Southern league team, is planning to go into vaudeville. Kircher has a reputation as a clown on the diamond, but he is a valuable ball player as well.

Electric railways in the United States own 49,470 miles of track. In 1912 Germany produced a mineral output valued at \$52,250,000.

## BASEBALL FROM PLAYERS' BENCH

How the Warriors on the Firing Line Size Up the Contest

Watching the game from the bench is like lamping a show from behind the scenes. You see inside baseball from the inside out, and vice versa. The ground work of the fray is laid open, hidden motives and stratagems are exposed, temperaments and dispositions thrown into relief. So J. P. McEvoy, of the Chicago Herald sporting staff concluded to get a few impressions for his readers. Here are some of the incidents he thought worth recording:

Umpire Silk O'Loughlin came over to the bench for a pencil.

Gleason met him the proverbial halfway and then a few.

"Whaddya want?" from Gleason.

"I want to borrow a pencil."

"All right, let him have one, but tie a string to it. You're takin' an awful chance when you lend an umpire anything."

How they love each other!

When Bodie grounded out in the sixth he came back to the bench squawking.

"Sure order have made that."

Gleason—"You run like a flat wheel."

"Why, it bounced high as the stand. I'll leave it to you if it didn't bounce high as the stand. How was I going to make it if it bounced that high, I wanta know."

Gleason—"If it bounced that high you ought to have got around the field. Take the lead out of your legs."

If Silk O'Loughlin was running for a popularity prize he had almost one vote from the Sox.

"He's mistin' 'em back there today."

"Oh, wot an eye! You must have had a bad night, Silk."

"Mistin' 'em. He ain't called a decent one today."

"He ain't mistin' 'em on the other fellows, though."

"Well, we can beat ten men just as easy as nine."

From the bench they were watching Bodie's delivery—that was before they knocked him out of the box.

"When he throws a fast one," said Red Russell, "he always opens up his fingers. Watch him now."

Bodie—"Watch me get 'im. They's no pitcher what outsmarts me today."

So Bodie went up and clouted one right on the dial. Two bases! When he came back: "Wot did I tell you? He ain't got nothing. I'll kill him today."

"About time you're killing something besides tall ones," said Gleason.

"Cut out the kidding," retorted Ping: "Let's win the game and kid afterward."

Which is the keenest thing Bodie ever said.

The crowd came in for a review. Fournier, Bodie and Weaver gave it the roundabout before the game started.

## BASEBALL

STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS.

American League.		
	W.	L.
Philadelphia	46	557
Boston	46	557
Detroit	46	557
Washington	46	557
Chicago	46	557
St. Louis	46	557
New York	46	557
Cleveland	46	557

National League.		
	W.	L.
Boston	46	557
New York	46	557
St. Louis	46	557
Chicago	46	557
Pittsburgh	46	557
Philadelphia	46	557
Brooklyn	46	557
Cincinnati	46	557

Federal League.		
	W.	L.
Indianapolis	46	557
Chicago	46	557
Baltimore	46	557
Buffalo	46	557
Brooklyn	46	557
Kansas City	46	557
St. Louis	46	557
Pittsburgh	46	557

TODAY'S GAMES.		
American League.		
Washington at St. Louis.		
New York at Chicago.		
Philadelphia at Detroit.		
Boston at Cleveland.		
National League.		
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.		
Cincinnati at New York.		
Chicago at Brooklyn.		
St. Louis at Boston.		
Federal League.		
Kansas City at Baltimore.		
St. Louis at Buffalo.		
Chicago at Pittsburgh.		
Indianapolis at Brooklyn.		

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.		
American League.		
St. Louis, Sept. 17.—St. Louis won two games from Chicago yesterday, the first going ten innings.		
Chicago ... ..0001000000—1 6 2		
St. Louis ... ..0010000001—2 5 3		
Batteries—Scott and Schalk; Hamilton and Agnew.		
Second game—		
Chicago ... ..0000000001—1 8 2		
St. Louis ... ..0000000000—3 5 0		
Batteries—Wolfstang, Russell, Faber and Kuhn; Leverenz, Baumgardner and Agnew.		

National League.		
Cleveland, Sept. 16.—Detroit made it three straight yesterday, Oldham outpitching Carter. Cobb's daring base-running was a feature.		
Cleveland ... ..000001011—3 10 2		
Detroit ... ..010010510—8 13 2		
Batteries—Carter, Hagerman, Combs and Dassel; Oldham and McKee.		

Federal League.		
Boston, Sept. 17.—Timely batting and brilliant fielding enabled Boston to win from St. Louis yesterday. Yesterday was "Evers' day," the local captain being presented with a silver service by his club associates, a timely gift, as Evers' home in Troy was ransacked by burglars Tuesday night.		
St. Louis ... ..0110100000—3 9 5		
Boston ... ..1230000000—6 9 2		
Batteries—Perry, Griner and Snyder; Tyler and Whaling.		

National League.		
Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—Philadelphia easily defeated Pittsburgh yesterday. Rixey pitching in splendid style for the locals.		
Pittsburgh ... ..010000010—2 6 5		
Philadelphia ... ..1230000000—6 9 2		
Batteries—Cooper, Counzelman and Gibson; Rixey and Killifer.		

Federal League.		
New York, Sept. 17.—New York won ed double time for the rest of the season. Molly-coddles!		
But the Kid is for the fellow who tries. They can try to stretch singles to doubles and get caught a mile, and Gleason will sympathize with them; but if they loaf getting down to first—good night and good luck!		
There was something cheery about the way Cal called the fellows in when the last man was out and victory assured.		

Federal League.		
Good boys," he cried, cheerfully, across the field. "Come on home now and bring in the bacon. It's all yours."		
It was.		

easily from Cincinnati here yesterday. The locals clinched the game in the first, when they scored five runs off Ames.

New York ... ..00002100x—8 6 3  
Batteries—Ames, Pittery and Gonzales, Glickson; Demaree and Meyers, Johnson.

Brooklyn, Sept. 17.—Brooklyn pounded Lavender for two triples, two doubles and three singles in three innings yesterday, knocking him out of the box and winning.

Chicago ... ..000002000—2 6 1  
Brooklyn ... ..01600000x—7 9 2  
Batteries—Lavender, Pierce, Smith and Archer; Allen and McCarty.

Federal League  
Pittsburgh 4; Chicago 7.  
Buffalo 7; St. Louis 3.  
Brooklyn 9; Indianapolis 2.  
Baltimore 3; Kansas City 2.  
American Association.  
Louisville 5; Cleveland 3.  
No others scheduled.

HARVARD WORKING HARD.  
Boston, Mass., Sept. 17.—Candidates for the Harvard football team reported on Soldiers' field this afternoon. The back field will be the same as last year, its greatest asset, of course, being Capt. Briceley, whose ability to boot goals from the field has won him much fame.

Haughton's greatest concern will be to develop two tackles who will compare with Storor and Hitchcock. The first big game, with Michigan, will be played on Oct. 31.

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## TENNIS CHAMP IS VERY MODEST

Maurice McLaughlin Doesn't Like to Tell About Victories

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 17.—If it wasn't for the newspapers the family of Maurice E. McLaughlin would never know of the tennis crack's victories until the expressman backed up to the door and delivered another trophy.

McLaughlin is extremely modest in regard to telling about his victories, even to his family. This was shown during his wonderful playing in the East during the Davis Cup competition. The only mention of his prowess was made in a letter to his mother, following a victory in doubles with Thomas Bundy. He wrote:

"I guess I played rather poorly, but Bundy certainly played a dandy game."

He never mentioned his wonderful playing when he defeated Brooks and Wilding, the Australians, in the singles, and his family learned of his victories through the newspapers.

McLaughlin is an Oakland boy and has had most of his practice, particularly of late years, on Oakland courts. If constant practice could perfect his game, it certainly should be perfect for in Oakland's all-the-year-round

warm climate he not only can play 365 days in the year, but he has, within half a block of his home, an electric-lighted court on which to play nights. And many of his practice games are played after dark.

During the time that McLaughlin is not playing tennis he is a real estate man. He is connected with an Oakland realty company, and it is on the electric-lighted court of Wickham Havens, the head of the company, that the champion gets most of his practice. Havens is a tennis fan, and any time McLaughlin wants an afternoon off all he has to do is to whisper "tennis" to his boss, and they leave the office for the court.

McLaughlin has two sisters, Nell and Doris, who are good tennis players, but not in the championship class. He also has two brothers, and one of them, according to Maurice, would be a better player than the champion himself if he only would take the trouble to practice more.

The McLaughlin home is filled with trophies won by the star player, and these constantly are being added to. They range from his first small but highly-prized cup, won nine years ago when he was fourteen years old, and in knickerbockers, to heavy silver markers, massive pitchers, and wait-hung cups won in local, state, and national competition.

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